

Application No. 10/713,167  
Response to Final Office Action

Customer No. 01933

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A lower die assembly for a pressing machine for cold forging, said lower die assembly comprising:

a lower die which is formed in a multi-layer structure comprising a plurality of die members together;

5       a die holder for receiving and securely holding ~~a~~ the lower die;

10       a clamp mechanism for securely clamping the lower die in the die holder, wherein when the lower die is unclamped the lower die is held in the die holder so as to be extractable upwards from the die holder; and

15       a lift mechanism including a lifting plate which is disposed below the lower die and a lifting rod which is operatively coupled to a lower die lift cylinder [[,]] and which is operable to raise the lower die above an upper end of the die holder via the lifting plate when the lower die is unclamped.